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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
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For: **Expansion of RAID Subsystem Using Spare Space with Immediate
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Sir:

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1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
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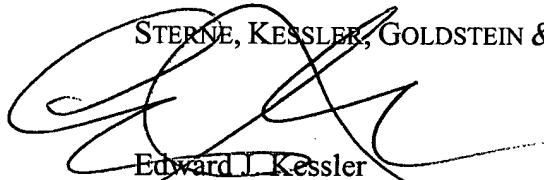
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